

called, was a trailblazing public servant who had the distinction of serving as one of the first African-American City Managers in the State of California. Known as a hard-working and talented colleague, a visionary consultant and a man of great faith, Mr. Hall has left an indelible mark on Bay Area communities. With his passing on May 31, 2012, we look to Stan Hall's public legacy and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

Born on June 11, 1946 to William and Hazel Hall, Stan was the sixth child of a family of eight children. He was named Outstanding Young Man of America twice by the U.S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce and was a high school honors graduate. Earning his bachelor's in History at San Francisco State University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University, Mr. Hall acquired a breadth of civic knowledge that he would use throughout his career. He settled in Richmond, California, working as the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager. Eight years later, he became the first African-American City Manager in Seaside, California. He did all of this by the young age of 32.

In addition to career milestones serving as Director of Governmental Affairs for the Port of Oakland, as well as City Manager for both East Palo Alto and Hollister, California, Mr. Hall became a sought-after consultant. He founded the government advocacy and consulting business, American Service Associates, which aided local community development through expertise in transportation, parking and project management.

Mr. Hall was also keenly committed to community leadership. Among his numerous accolades and associations, he was a three-term President and CEO of the Bay Area Urban League, as well as Principal Officer of West Coast Infrastructure for Amtrak. He had the distinction of being honored by the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, DC and received awards from the Harbon Publishing Co. and the Gillette Co. for Achievement in Business and Professional Excellence. His awards from Members of Congress, the State Assembly and the State Senate speak to the quality of his prolific career. And most recently, he was recognized by the U.S. Department of the Treasury for Patriotic Service.

Active in 100 Black Men of the Bay Area and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Mr. Hall was also a devoted church member. He served both Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Richmond and Allen Temple Baptist Church, where he sang in the chorus and built a strong spiritual family. From his groundbreaking work in public service to his renowned work ethic, Mr. Hall never ceased to challenge himself. He was even an accomplished pianist.

On a personal note, I will miss Stan's smiles, his words of encouragement and his support. Stan held a very successful event for me at his home recently and he was as happy as I to be with long-time friends. He proudly showed me through his cozy house and he was especially delighted to show me his backyard, with its beautiful fruit trees and grass. When I visited him in the hospital a few days before his passing, he smiled. In his own way, he communicated the depth of love for his friends and me—and I felt that he was at peace and ready to meet the Lord. I will miss him tremendously.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding indi-

vidual and a stalwart community leader, Mr. Stanley Howell Hall. He was a respected colleague, a beloved brother and a dear friend who will be deeply missed by an extended group of loved ones. I offer my sincerest condolences to Stan's surviving family and to the many friends and associates whose lives he touched over the course of his incredible life. May his soul rest in peace.

LAKELAND COLLEGE CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Lakeland College for 150 years of service as an undergraduate institution of higher education. Lakeland College is a private four year liberal arts college related to the United Church of Christ located near Sheboygan, Wisconsin—which is in my congressional district.

The college was founded in 1862 by a group of German immigrants to offer a traditional seminary curriculum to the local community. Over the years, it began to host additional courses and programs of study. The college adopted the name "Lakeland" in 1956 when the seminary program moved to Minnesota. In 1991, Lakeland opened a second campus in Shinjuku, Japan, to accommodate students with international interests.

Today, Lakeland College serves nearly 4,000 students and offers an 18 to 1 student to faculty ratio. It offers more than thirty degree programs and four graduate programs including education, counseling, business administration, and theology. Lakeland hosts a multicultural student body with students from over 30 countries.

Lakeland prides itself on its ability to foster an educational, covenantal, just, and global community, not only at its main campus near Sheboygan, but also at its campuses in Chipewawa Falls, Fox Cities, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee, and Wisconsin Rapids.

I have had the opportunity to visit the College on numerous occasions and commend retiring president Dr. Stephen Gould for his 42 years of service to Lakeland. In 2002, I was honored to have had the opportunity to speak at Lakeland's commencement ceremony. It is evident that the College instills strong community values in its students and alumni.

Strong institutions help make strong communities, and the people of Wisconsin, especially those in the Sheboygan area, are proud of the 150 years of service that Lakeland College has provided. To recognize this accomplishment, Governor Walker has declared June 23 as Lakeland College Day, a well deserved honor. Over 1,000 alumni will return to campus to celebrate June 21–24.

I extend my congratulations to Lakeland College on its 150th Anniversary and wish all its faculty, staff, students, and alumni continued success in their endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE "BROWARD IS GREATER THAN AIDS" CAMPAIGN ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the "Broward is Greater than AIDS" (Broward > AIDS) campaign, an initiative of the Broward County Health Department (BCHD) to raise public awareness of the importance of knowing your HIV status and getting tested. The launch of the Broward > AIDS campaign takes place as we observe the 18th Annual National HIV Testing Day on June 27, 2012, a joint initiative between the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) aimed at promoting HIV testing.

While advances in antiretroviral treatment now allow people living with HIV/AIDS to have longer, more productive lives than ever before, HIV continues to spread at a staggering rate. Nationwide, 1.2 million people in the United States are living with HIV/AIDS, and 50,000 individuals become newly infected with the virus each year. Furthermore, more than one in five HIV-positive individuals are unaware that they are infected, which not only increases their risk for developing worse health outcomes but also the likelihood of transmitting the virus to others.

Although HIV/AIDS knows no borders, race, or gender, it has taken a particularly devastating toll on South Florida and certain groups. Since 2008, Broward County has had the highest rate of HIV infection per-capita in the nation. Within the past year, new HIV infections rose by 25 percent while new cases of AIDS also increased significantly. In addition, according to the BCHD, HIV/AIDS continues to have a disparate impact on men who have sex with men (MSM) and black heterosexual women.

HIV/AIDS can happen to anyone, but we have the power to stop HIV and create an AIDS-free generation. It all begins with getting tested for HIV to find out your status and using this knowledge to take better care of yourself, your loved ones, and your community. Equally important is also knowing the status of your partner. Regular HIV testing has been proven to save lives and reduce new infections. The Broward > AIDS campaign is a vital tool to educate individuals and the community about the realities of HIV/AIDS, why they should get tested, and where testing is available.

Through the Broward > AIDS campaign, the BCHD seeks to encourage and increase HIV testing to reduce the spread of the disease as well as the stigma associated with it. The unfortunate fact remains that many individuals and communities do not talk about HIV/AIDS. We cannot hope to eliminate the stigma and reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS if we do not break the silence. HIV/AIDS is not just a personal health issue, it is a community health issue and we all have a responsibility to do our part to protect our families, friends, and neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, this National HIV Testing Day, I commend the Broward County Health Department and its comprehensive HIV/AIDS